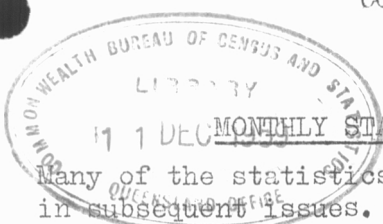


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MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - OCTOBER, 1959

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30.6.1959 -

Males - 368,477 Females - 350,687 Persons - 719,164

Metropolitan at 30.6.1959

Persons - 389,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

| Particulars          | SEPTEMBER |         |        |         | Nine Months ended SEPTEMBER |         |        |         |
|----------------------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
|                      | 1959      |         | 1958   |         | 1959                        |         | 1958   |         |
|                      | Number    | Rate(a) | Number | Rate(a) | Number                      | Rate(a) | Number | Rate(a) |
| Marriages            | 428       | 7.23    | 462    | 7.93    | 3,926                       | 7.30    | 3,745  | 7.08    |
| Births               | 1,419     | 23.96   | 1,433  | 24.60   | 12,823                      | 23.84   | 12,607 | 23.85   |
| Deaths               | 472       | 7.97    | 517    | 8.88    | 4,133                       | 7.68    | 4,211  | 7.97    |
| Infant Mortality (b) | 31        | 21.85   | 34     | 23.73   | 235                         | 18.33   | 263    | 20.86   |

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births. (b) Deaths under one year.

DEATHS BY PRINCIPAL CAUSES

| Cause   | SEPTEMBER |      | Nine Months ended SEPTEMBER |       |
|---|-----------|------|-----------------------------|-------|
|   | 1959      | 1958 | 1959                        | 1958  |
| Tuberculosis                                  | 6         | 3    | 24                          | 21    |
| Malignant neoplasms                           | 80        | 80   | 683                         | 668   |
| Diabetes mellitus                             | 7         | 11   | 38                          | 44    |
| Diseases of blood, etc.                       | 2         | 1    | 15                          | 12    |
| Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.                    | 49        | 60   | 477                         | 508   |
| Diseases of the heart                         | 165       | 166  | 1,336                       | 1,378 |
| Hypertension with heart disease               | 13        | 22   | 92                          | 131   |
| Hypertensive disease without mention of heart | 4         | 5    | 30                          | 43    |
| Arteriosclerosis                              | 13        | 11   | 101                         | 98    |
| Influenza                                     | 3         | 2    | 81                          | 6     |
| Pneumonia                                     | 18        | 18   | 152                         | 150   |
| Bronchitis                                    | 5         | 8    | 57                          | 53    |
| Other respiratory diseases                    | 5         | 5    | 47                          | 43    |
| Ulcer of stomach and duodenum                 | 1         | 4    | 26                          | 32    |
| Gastro-enteritis and colitis                  | -         | -    | 21                          | 23    |
| Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis      | -         | 1    | 4                           | 7     |
| Cirrhosis of the liver                        | 1         | 5    | 17                          | 25    |
| Nephritis and nephrosis                       | 4         | 3    | 49                          | 47    |
| Disease of the prostate                       | 4         | 2    | 42                          | 38    |
| Maternal causes                               | 1         | 1    | 5                           | 7     |
| Diseases of early infancy                     | 19        | 19   | 139                         | 154   |
| Motor vehicle accidents                       | 9         | 19   | 123                         | 145   |
| Other accidents                               | 17        | 18   | 137                         | 125   |
| Suicide                                       | 6         | 13   | 60                          | 78    |
| All other causes                              | 40        | 40   | 377                         | 375   |
| Total:  | 472       | 517  | 4,133                       | 4,211 |

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the ten months ended October, 1959, totalled 807,785 acres, an increase of 100,830 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 11,249,041 acres, an increase of 7,409,475 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1958.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

| Item                               | OCTOBER   |           | Four Months ended<br>OCTOBER |            |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------|------------|
|                                    | 1959      | 1958      | 1959                         | 1958       |
| Revenue                            | 4,859,129 | 5,667,847 | 18,726,753                   | 18,368,411 |
| Revenue per Head of Population     | 6. 14. 9  | 7. 19. 8  | 25. 19. 11                   | 25. 18. 11 |
| Expenditure                        | 5,517,178 | 6,615,557 | 21,117,934                   | 21,548,949 |
| Expenditure per Head of Population | 7. 13. 0  | 9. 6. 4   | 29. 6. 4                     | 30. 8. 9   |

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of October, 1959, amounted to £75,418,273 or £104-10-0 per head of population as against £67,848,322 or £95-9-3 per head at the end of October, 1958.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 28th October, 1959, amounted to £17,896,406 compared with £15,569,527 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

| Registrations effected at the<br>Office of Land Titles and Deeds |     | OCTOBER   |           | Four Months ended<br>OCTOBER |            |
|--|-----|-----------|-----------|------------------------------|------------|
|  |     | 1959      | 1958      | 1959                         | 1958       |
| Transfers  | No. | 1,872     | 1,732     | 7,460                        | 6,871      |
|  | £.  | 2,975,797 | 2,541,274 | 11,352,932                   | 10,681,599 |
| Mortgages  | No. | 1,407     | 1,243     | 5,562                        | 5,312      |
|  | £.  | 3,235,709 | 2,479,556 | 11,789,544                   | 10,388,642 |
| Discharges of Mortgages  | No. | 1,034     | 1,014     | 4,344                        | 3,960      |

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS  
AND TAX COLLECTED

| Period of Receipt<br>of<br>Returns | Taxable Goods   |   | Sales<br>of<br>Exempt<br>Goods | Tax<br>Collected |
|------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|------------------|
|                                    | Sales in respect<br>of which Tax is<br>Payable<br>(Net) | Sales in respect<br>of which Tax is<br>NOT Payable<br>(Gross) |                                |                  |
| October, 1959                      | 4,457,399   | 3,128,314   | 11,300,594                     | 720,880          |
| October, 1958                      | 4,400,234   | 3,281,542   | 10,732,972                     | 638,502          |
| Four Months ended<br>October, 1959 | 16,351,066  | 12,510,643  | 43,508,656                     | 2,606,784        |
| Four Months ended<br>October, 1958 | 15,338,458  | 12,631,859  | 41,949,305                     | 2,339,183        |

COMPANIES REGISTERED

122 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £5,302,800 and 51 Foreign Companies were registered during the four months ended October, 1959. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 82 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £4,883,350 and 43 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

| Item  | Four Months ended OCTOBER |                   |              |      |                   |              |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------|-------------------|--------------|
|   | 1959                      |                   |              | 1958 |                   |              |
|   | No.                       | Liabilities<br>£. | Assets<br>£. | No.  | Liabilities<br>£. | Assets<br>£. |
| Sequestration Orders                                      | 37                        | 70,518            | 15,372       | 47   | 326,847           | 68,293       |
| Compositions, Assignments<br>and Deeds of Arrangement (a) | 30                        | 96,777            | 122,267      | 36   | 219,713           | 201,438      |

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

| Item                           | SEPTEMBER       |             | Three Months ended<br>SEPTEMBER |             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
|                                | 1959            | 1958        | 1959                            | 1958        |
| Gross Earnings (a)*            | £. 1,247,500    | 1,062,100   | 3,727,500                       | 3,083,700   |
| Operating Expenses (a)         | £. 1,259,024    | 1,214,220   | 3,871,229                       | 3,714,631   |
| Train Miles Run                | No. 674,747     | 591,783     | 2,037,245                       | 1,812,376   |
| Motor Bus Miles Run            | No. (b) 120,799 | (c) 125,344 | (d) 276,831                     | (e) 286,158 |
| <u>Passenger Journeys -</u>    |                 |             |                                 |             |
| Train                          | No. 1,402,208   | 1,486,781   | 3,785,499                       | 3,739,331   |
| Motor Bus                      | No. 23,957      | 25,163      | 69,676                          | 72,045      |
| <u>Tonnage Carried -</u>       |                 |             |                                 |             |
| Paying Goods                   | 317,631         | 240,272     | 1,021,428                       | 745,810     |
| Livestock                      | 20,394          | 15,358      | 43,000                          | 34,101      |
| Departmental<br>(Free Freight) | 55,005          | 62,699      | 194,498                         | 193,156     |
| Total:                         | 393,030         | 318,329     | 1,258,926                       | 973,067     |
| <u>Net Ton Milage of -</u>     |                 |             |                                 |             |
| Paying Goods                   | 52,324,125      | 39,977,329  | 167,828,461                     | 126,637,445 |
| Livestock                      | 2,634,937       | 2,120,711   | 5,977,806                       | 4,826,925   |
| Departmental<br>(Free Freight) | 5,836,672       | 5,927,083   | 17,706,735                      | 19,190,225  |
| Total:                         | 60,795,734      | 48,025,123  | 191,513,002                     | 150,654,595 |

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 12th September.

(c) Four weeks ended 13th September.

(d) Period 1st July to 12th September.

(e) Period 1st July to 13th September.

\* Figures subject to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

| Period    | Metropolitan Traffic Area |                |                         |       |              | Whole State (a) |                |                         |       |              |
|-----------|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|
|           | Cars                      | Station Wagons | Utilities, Vans, Trucks | Buses | Motor Cycles | Cars            | Station Wagons | Utilities, Vans, Trucks | Buses | Motor Cycles |
| 1954      | 6,499                     | 161            | 2,326                   | 34    | 736          | 11,667          | 217            | 5,866                   | 70    | 1,267        |
| 1955      | 6,852                     | 162            | 2,371                   | 18    | 701          | 11,612          | 233            | 5,373                   | 59    | 1,130        |
| 1956      | 5,219                     | 97             | 1,759                   | 24    | 724          | 9,067           | 169            | 4,413                   | 85    | 1,057        |
| 1957      | 5,639                     | 228            | 1,856                   | 35    | 1,007        | 9,865           | 370            | 4,385                   | 71    | 1,447        |
| 1958      | 5,794                     | 762            | 1,942                   | 15    | 1,306        | 9,548           | 1,290          | 4,784                   | 43    | 1,860        |
| 1959 -    |                           |                |                         |       |              |                 |                |                         |       |              |
| January   | 435                       | 77             | 180                     | -     | 149          | 732             | 118            | 419                     | 3     | 182          |
| February  | 446                       | 68             | 153                     | -     | 166          | 719             | 108            | 398                     | 10    | 214          |
| March     | 393                       | 88             | 138                     | -     | 134          | 656             | 129            | 404                     | 6     | 191          |
| April     | 419                       | 82             | 197                     | 1     | 151          | 692             | 119            | 457                     | 4     | 197          |
| May       | 408                       | 85             | 216                     | -     | 150          | 682             | 126            | 465                     | 2     | 203          |
| June      | 434                       | 99             | 208                     | 1     | 105          | 721             | 155            | 450                     | 3     | 144          |
| July      | 479                       | 123            | 229                     | -     | 118          | 799             | 176            | 486                     | 2     | 176          |
| August    | 489                       | 109            | 225                     | 9     | 76           | 814             | 189            | 487                     | 12    | 125          |
| September | 528                       | 132            | 249                     | 3     | 131          | 828             | 210            | 514                     | 4     | 181          |

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

| Date (as at end of Month) | Metropolitan Traffic Area       |                         |       |              | Whole State (a)                 |                         |        |              |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|--------------|
|                           | Cars (including Station Wagons) | Utilities, Vans, Trucks | Buses | Motor Cycles | Cars (including Station Wagons) | Utilities, Vans, Trucks | Buses  | Motor Cycles |
| 1956 -                    |                                 |                         |       |              |                                 |                         |        |              |
| June                      | (b) 61,835                      | (b) 24,169              | 548   | 9,253        | (b) 98,875                      | (b) 64,430              | 1,175  | 13,873       |
| December                  | (b) 64,158                      | (b) 24,641              | 553   | 9,133        | (b) 101,708                     | (b) 64,765              | 1,189  | 13,551       |
| 1957 -                    |                                 |                         |       |              |                                 |                         |        |              |
| June                      | 65,013                          | 24,354                  | 560   | 8,770        | 103,788                         | 64,806                  | 1,204  | 13,146       |
| December                  | 67,315                          | 24,209                  | 592   | 8,389        | 107,052                         | 64,236                  | 1,234  | 12,599       |
| 1958 -                    |                                 |                         |       |              |                                 |                         |        |              |
| June                      | 69,414                          | 24,217                  | 553   | 8,580        | 110,573                         | 65,046                  | 1,190  | 12,827       |
| December                  | 73,190                          | 24,908                  | 545   | 8,759        | 114,685                         | 65,582                  | 1,177  | 12,935       |
| 1959 -                    |                                 |                         |       |              |                                 |                         |        |              |
| January                   | 74,068                          | 25,172                  | 560   | 8,870        | 115,044                         | 65,100                  | 1,082  | 12,826       |
| February                  | 74,286                          | 25,139                  | 564   | 8,961        | 115,371                         | 65,174                  | 1,175  | 12,971       |
| March                     | 74,510                          | 25,170                  | 564   | 8,995        | 116,297                         | 65,870                  | 1,184  | 13,183       |
| April                     | 75,009                          | 25,236                  | 566   | 9,031        | 116,494                         | 65,518                  | 1,183  | 13,052       |
| May                       | 75,110                          | 25,217                  | 583   | 9,084        | 117,375                         | 66,160                  | 1,207  | 13,291       |
| June                      | 75,203                          | 25,222                  | 584   | 9,080        | 118,112                         | 66,617                  | 1,213  | 13,411       |
| July                      | 76,871                          | 25,687                  | 588   | 9,113        | *118,069                        | *64,960                 | *1,197 | *12,894      |
| August                    | 77,129                          | 25,707                  | 598   | 9,095        | *118,987                        | *65,464                 | *1,210 | *12,986      |
| September                 | 77,303                          | 25,762                  | 572   | 9,139        | 119,778                         | 65,928                  | 1,185  | 13,128       |

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Prior to June, 1957, Station Wagons are included with Utilities, Vans, Trucks.

\* Revised.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency  
(£,000)

| Item       | IMPORTS   |        |                              |        | EXPORTS<br>(including Ships' Stores) |       |                              |        |
|------------|-----------|--------|------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------|--------|
|            | SEPTEMBER |        | Three Months ended SEPTEMBER |        | SEPTEMBER                            |       | Three Months ended SEPTEMBER |        |
|            | 1959      | 1958   | 1959                         | 1958   | 1959                                 | 1958  | 1959                         | 1958   |
| Oversea    | 3,153     | 3,781  | 10,768                       | 14,021 | 8,685                                | 6,830 | 21,916                       | 21,738 |
| Interstate | 9,398     | 8,322  | 26,229                       | 24,296 | 5,122                                | 2,949 | 9,590                        | 7,979  |
| Total:     | 12,551    | 12,103 | 36,997                       | 38,317 | 13,807                               | 9,779 | 31,506                       | 29,717 |



# BUILDING ACTIVITY

## (1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

| Period    | Dwellings   |                |                            |                | Factories |                | Other |                | Total  |                |
|-----------|-------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-------|----------------|--------|----------------|
|           | Owner-Built |                | By Contractors<br>etc. (a) |                |           |                |       |                |        |                |
|           | No.         | Value<br>£,000 | No.                        | Value<br>£,000 | No,       | Value<br>£,000 | No.   | Value<br>£,000 | No.    | Value<br>£,000 |
| 1949      | 825         | 693            | 2,485                      | 3,476          | 57        | 215            | 317   | 657            | 3,684  | 5,041          |
| 1950      | 1,313       | 1,365          | 3,331                      | 4,727          | 41        | 263            | 428   | 651            | 5,113  | 7,006          |
| 1951      | 1,913       | 2,835          | 4,137                      | 6,969          | 40        | 459            | 433   | 986            | 6,523  | 11,249         |
| 1952      | 2,883       | 5,824          | 4,946                      | 11,201         | 63        | 667            | 604   | 2,242          | 8,496  | 19,934         |
| 1953      | 2,988       | 7,219          | 4,839                      | 12,624         | 84        | 817            | 714   | 3,657          | 8,625  | 24,317         |
| 1954      | 3,127       | 8,255          | 5,044                      | 13,491         | 111       | 1,544          | 844   | 5,015          | 9,126  | 28,305         |
| 1955      | 2,788       | 8,194          | 6,422                      | 18,091         | 129       | 3,405          | 933   | 6,900          | 10,272 | 36,590         |
| 1956      | 1,921       | 5,708          | 4,773                      | 13,508         | 97        | 946            | 923   | 7,359          | 7,714  | 27,521         |
| 1957      | 1,401       | 4,086          | 4,748                      | 13,680         | 100       | 1,110          | 714   | 6,450          | 6,963  | 25,326         |
| 1958      | 1,371       | 3,884          | 4,638                      | 13,978         | 146       | 1,851          | 714   | 10,735         | 6,869  | 30,448         |
| 1959 -    |             |                |                            |                |           |                |       |                |        |                |
| March Qr. | 366         | 981            | 1,028                      | 3,071          | 24        | 139            | 161   | 2,045          | 1,579  | 6,236          |
| June Qr.  | 409         | 1,107          | 1,066                      | 3,192          | 41        | 277            | 184   | 1,923          | 1,700  | 6,499          |
| Sept. Qr. | 367         | 961            | 1,251                      | 3,682          | 37        | 332            | 182   | 2,286          | 1,837  | 7,261          |

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

## (2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Houses)

| Period    | Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls |                |                     |                |                                     |                |       |                |       |                |
|-----------|---|----------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|
|           | Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.  |                | Wood or Mainly Wood |                | Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement |                | Other |                | Total |                |
|           | No.   | Value<br>£,000 | No.                 | Value<br>£,000 | No.                                 | Value<br>£,000 | No.   | Value<br>£,000 | No.   | Value<br>£,000 |
| 1949      | 1,449   | 2,235          | 228                 | 191            | 1,571                               | 1,649          | 42    | 43             | 3,290 | 4,118          |
| 1950      | 1,709   | 2,882          | 337                 | 311            | 2,262                               | 2,572          | 55    | 48             | 4,363 | 5,813          |
| 1951      | 2,155   | 4,560          | 453                 | 525            | 2,933                               | 4,241          | 190   | 218            | 5,731 | 9,544          |
| 1952      | 3,006   | 8,097          | 745                 | 1,609          | 3,844                               | 6,678          | 135   | 263            | 7,730 | 16,647         |
| 1953      | 2,676   | 8,417          | 976                 | 2,657          | 3,966                               | 8,277          | 24    | 54             | 7,642 | 19,405         |
| 1954      | 2,865   | 9,767          | 214                 | 530            | 4,823                               | 10,833         | 4     | 4              | 7,906 | 21,134         |
| 1955      | 3,268   | 11,775         | 225                 | 621            | 5,271                               | 12,614         | 8     | 17             | 8,772 | 25,027         |
| 1956      | 3,017   | 10,491         | 62                  | 175            | 2,964                               | 6,864          | 4     | 9              | 6,047 | 17,539         |
| 1957      | 3,773   | 12,159         | 28                  | 67             | 2,139                               | 4,890          | 6     | 9              | 5,946 | 17,125         |
| 1958      | 3,764   | 12,501         | 41                  | 115            | 1,935                               | 4,547          | 3     | 4              | 5,743 | 17,167         |
| 1959 -    |   |                |                     |                |                                     |                |       |                |       |                |
| March Qr. | 831   | 2,775          | 9                   | 19             | 532                                 | 1,215          | 1     | 2              | 1,373 | 4,011          |
| June Qr.  | 891   | 2,946          | 8                   | 18             | 531                                 | 1,200          | 3     | 9              | 1,433 | 4,173          |
| Sept. Qr. | 969   | 3,125          | 5                   | 15             | 561                                 | 1,304          | 2     | 2              | 1,537 | 4,446          |

## GOLD PRODUCTION

| Item   | OCTOBER   |           | Ten Months ended OCTOBER |            |
|--|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|------------|
|  | 1959      | 1958      | 1959                     | 1958       |
| Quantity Fine oz.                              | 70,428    | 70,128    | 680,277                  | 679,519    |
| Value (Aust. Currency) (a) £.                  | 1,100,432 | 1,095,751 | 10,628,720               | 10,617,466 |
| Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £. | -         | -         | 1,102,500                | 1,061,094  |

(a) Excludes additional premiums on gold sold by Gold Producers' Association Limited and subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

| Centre             | Food and Groceries   |      |                                  |      | "C" Series           |      |                                  |      |
|--------------------|----------------------|------|----------------------------------|------|----------------------|------|----------------------------------|------|
|                    | SEPTEMBER<br>Quarter |      | Twelve Months<br>ended SEPTEMBER |      | SEPTEMBER<br>Quarter |      | Twelve Months<br>ended SEPTEMBER |      |
|                    | 1958                 | 1959 | 1958                             | 1959 | 1958                 | 1959 | 1958                             | 1959 |
| Metropolitan Area  | 2998                 | 3129 | 2967                             | 3043 | 2758                 | 2830 | 2731                             | 2790 |
| Kalgoorlie-Boulder | 3222                 | 3388 | 3187                             | 3293 | 2663                 | 2734 | 2639                             | 2695 |
| Northam            | 3111                 | 3195 | 3093                             | 3125 | 2716                 | 2767 | 2701                             | 2729 |
| Bunbury            | 3091                 | 3140 | 3136                             | 3082 | 2786                 | 2852 | 2785                             | 2817 |
| Geraldton          | 3238                 | 3453 | 3222                             | 3322 | 2962                 | 3100 | 2943                             | 3030 |
| Collie             | 3199                 | 3284 | 3186                             | 3197 | 2539                 | 2580 | 2526                             | 2546 |

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private Domestic, Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp).

(Thousands)

| Month        | Males | Females | Persons | Month                | Males | Females | Persons |
|--------------|-------|---------|---------|----------------------|-------|---------|---------|
| <u>1957:</u> |       |         |         | <u>1958 (cont.):</u> |       |         |         |
| October      | 138.7 | 45.2    | 183.9   | October              | 139.2 | 46.2    | 185.4   |
| November     | 139.1 | 45.7    | 184.8   | November             | 139.1 | 46.4    | 185.5   |
| December     | 138.7 | 46.0    | 184.7   | December             | 139.3 | 46.8    | 186.1   |
| <u>1958:</u> |       |         |         | <u>1959:</u>         |       |         |         |
| January      | 138.7 | 45.2    | 183.9   | January              | 139.2 | 46.5    | 185.7   |
| February     | 138.9 | 45.7    | 184.6   | February             | 139.2 | 46.5    | 185.7   |
| March        | 139.8 | 46.0    | 185.8   | March                | 139.7 | 46.8    | 186.5   |
| April        | 139.4 | 45.9    | 185.3   | April                | 139.8 | 46.8    | 186.6   |
| May          | 138.8 | 45.9    | 184.7   | May                  | 139.5 | 47.1    | 186.6   |
| June         | 138.6 | 45.6    | 184.2   | June                 | 139.5 | 46.8    | 186.3   |
| July         | 138.1 | 45.6    | 183.7   | July                 | 139.6 | 46.8    | 186.4   |
| August       | 138.3 | 45.9    | 184.2   | August               | 139.4 | 46.7    | 186.1   |
| September    | 138.8 | 46.2    | 185.0   | September            | 140.2 | 47.1    | 187.3   |

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1958 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

| Month     | 1954 | 1955 | 1956 | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| January   | 226  | 237  | 241  | 232  | 231  | 225  |
| February  | 228  | 240  | 241  | 235  | 233  | 226  |
| March     | 231  | 242  | 240  | 236  | 234  | 227  |
| April     | 230  | 243  | 239  | 234  | 233  | 227  |
| May       | 231  | 242  | 238  | 234  | 230  | 227  |
| June      | 230  | 239  | 235  | 231  | 228  | 225  |
| July      | 230  | 238  | 231  | 229  | 225  | 225  |
| August    | 230  | 239  | 230  | 229  | 225  | 226  |
| September | 232  | 241  | 233  | 232  | 225  | 229  |
| October   | 233  | 241  | 233  | 232  | 226  |      |
| November  | 234  | 243  | 233  | 233  | 227  |      |
| December  | 233  | 242  | 232  | 232  | 226  |      |

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1958 are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

| Date of Operation | Metropolitan Area |    |    | South-West Land Division |    |    | Goldfields and Rest of State |    |    |
|-------------------|-------------------|----|----|--------------------------|----|----|------------------------------|----|----|
|                   | Male              |    |    | Female                   |    |    | Male                         |    |    |
|                   | £.                | s. | d. | £.                       | s. | d. | £.                           | s. | d. |
| 26/10/59          | 14.               | 1. | 6  | 9.                       | 3. | 0  | 14.                          | 1. | 3  |

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

| Period                     | Cattle | Calves | Sheep   | Lambs   | Pigs   |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| September, 1959            | 18,222 | 2,527  | 131,891 | 107,659 | 14,173 |
| September, 1958            | 14,789 | 2,743  | 131,695 | 109,161 | 19,582 |
| 3 Months ended Sept., 1959 | 68,151 | 7,502  | 353,301 | 202,979 | 43,485 |
| 3 Months ended Sept., 1958 | 58,913 | 8,185  | 343,340 | 193,085 | 55,355 |

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

| Period                     | Beef   | Veal | Mutton | Lamb  | Pork(a) |
|----------------------------|--------|------|--------|-------|---------|
| September, 1959            | 3,819  | 95   | 2,406  | 1,475 | 793     |
| September, 1958            | 3,076  | 101  | 2,411  | 1,492 | 1,076   |
| 3 Months ended Sept., 1959 | 14,691 | 277  | 6,457  | 2,670 | 2,409   |
| 3 Months ended Sept., 1958 | 12,572 | 300  | 6,341  | 2,615 | 2,438   |

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area

| Period                   | Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10) |             | Casualty Accidents |             | Total Accidents Reported |             | Persons Killed |             | Persons Injured |             |
|--------------------------|--|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
|                          | Metro-politan                            | Whole State | Metro-politan      | Whole State | Metro-politan            | Whole State | Metro-politan  | Whole State | Metro-politan   | Whole State |
| 1954                     | 5,072                                    | 6,896       | 2,415              | 3,289       | 7,487                    | 10,185      | 96             | 185         | 3,028           | 4,309       |
| 1955                     | 5,878                                    | 7,907       | 2,237              | 3,158       | 8,115                    | 11,065      | 110            | 199         | 2,669           | 3,987       |
| 1956                     | 5,866                                    | 7,961       | 2,161              | 3,036       | 8,027                    | 10,997      | 102            | 182         | 2,653           | 3,889       |
| 1957                     | 6,150                                    | 8,343       | 2,244              | 3,220       | 8,394                    | 11,563      | 87             | 152         | 2,733           | 4,068       |
| 1958                     | 6,614                                    | 8,691       | 2,412              | 3,451       | 9,026                    | 12,142      | 80             | 183         | 2,990           | 4,478       |
| 9 Mths.ended Sept., 1958 | 4,985                                    | 6,569       | 1,829              | 2,578       | 6,814                    | 9,147       | 61             | 139         | 2,223           | 3,278       |
| 9 Mths.ended Sept., 1959 | 4,646                                    | 6,259       | 1,827              | 2,581       | 6,473                    | 8,840       | 56             | 113         | 2,308           | 3,358       |
| 1959 -                   |  |             |                    |             |                          |             |                |             |                 |             |
| January                  | 448                                      | 663         | 193                | 291         | 641                      | 954         | 7              | 16          | 248             | 420         |
| February                 | 460                                      | 594         | 199                | 284         | 659                      | 878         | 5              | 13          | 265             | 386         |
| March                    | 464                                      | 628         | 217                | 296         | 681                      | 924         | 11             | 17          | 255             | 364         |
| April                    | 449                                      | 625         | 198                | 270         | 647                      | 895         | 2              | 8           | 247             | 346         |
| May                      | 579                                      | 748         | 199                | 309         | 778                      | 1,057       | 5              | 15          | 254             | 397         |
| June                     | 575                                      | 766         | 204                | 271         | 779                      | 1,037       | 12             | 17          | 245             | 317         |
| July                     | *564                                     | *764        | *238               | *320        | *802                     | *1,084      | 8              | 11          | *272            | *392        |
| August                   | *617                                     | *819        | 204                | *290        | *821                     | *1,109      | 1              | 9           | 276             | *377        |
| September                | 490                                      | 652         | 175                | 250         | 665                      | 902         | 5              | 7           | 246             | 359         |

\* Revised.

# AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

| Item             | Unit                  | 1958    |         |         | 1959    |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |                  |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------|
|                  |                       | Oct.    | Nov.    | Dec.    | Jan.    | Feb.    | Mar.    | Apr.    | May     | June    | July    | Aug.    | Sept.   | Oct.             |
| FRUIT            |                       | s. d.   | s. d.   | s. d.   | s. d.   | s. d.   | s. d.   | s. d.   | s. d.   | s. d.   | s. d.   | s. d.   | s. d.   | s. d.            |
| Lemons           | $\frac{3}{4}$ bush.   | 14. 1   | 19. 5   | 22. 4   | 23. 6   | 20.10   | 23. 6   | 25. 4   | 15. 7   | 13. 9   | 13. 0   | 10. 2   | 12.10   | 12. 6            |
| Oranges - Navel  | bush.                 | 40. 6   | 51. 2   | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | 39.11   | 30. 0   | 27. 8   | 29. 2   | 32. 7   | 40. 3            |
| - Val.           | bush.                 | 30. 9   | 36. 7   | 39.11   | 40. 3   | 43. 6   | 40. 9   | 43.10   | -       | -       | -       | 25. 6   | 28. 0   | 28. 8            |
| Bananas - Local  | lb.                   | 1. 3    | 1. 1    | 9       | 1. 0    | 8       | 8       | 11      | 9       | 11      | 1. 1    | 1. 2    | 1. 1    | 1. 4             |
| Apples - G.Smith | bush.                 | 27. 7   | 36. 6   | 54. 6   | -       | -       | 16. 9   | 18. 4   | 22. 7   | 22. 4   | 25. 2   | 25. 5   | 32. 9   | 38. 6            |
| - Other          | bush.                 | 43. 6   | 49. 6   | 49. 6   | 33. 6   | 24. 7   | 20.10   | 29. 9   | 26. 6   | 23. 6   | 24. 9   | 26.10   | 29. 5   | 34. 4            |
| Pears            | $\frac{3}{4}$ bush.   | -       | -       | -       | 29. 0   | 16.10   | 16.11   | 24. 2   | 21.10   | 17. 3   | 23.10   | 27. 0   | 27.11   | -                |
| Apricots         | bush.                 | -       | 42. 2   | 28. 3   | 35.11   | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                |
| Nectarines       | bush.                 | -       | -       | -       | 24.11   | 22. 6   | 29. 0   | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                |
| Plums            | bush.                 | -       | -       | 24. 3   | 18. 6   | 17. 6   | 22. 8   | 31. 5   | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                |
| Peaches          | bush.                 | -       | -       | 23. 4   | 19. 8   | 16. 4   | 20. 5   | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                |
| Grapes           | $\frac{1}{4}$ bush.   | -       | -       | -       | 20. 2   | 19. 7   | 24.10   | 27. 2   | 28. 5   | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                |
| VEGETABLES       |                       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |                  |
| Cabbage          | crate $\neq$          | 5. 2    | 6. 0    | 5. 5    | 9. 4    | 13. 8   | 16. 7   | 11.10   | 11. 1   | 7. 1    | 6. 4    | 5. 2    | 5. 2    | 6. 3             |
| Cauliflowers     | dozen                 | 18. 2   | 16. 8   | -       | -       | 18.10   | 13.10   | 17. 7   | 17.10   | 9. 9    | 13. 8   | 9. 4    | 16. 5   | <del>12. 8</del> |
| Lettuce          | crate                 | 7. 1    | 8. 0    | 9. 9    | 14. 2   | 8. 3    | 8.10    | 8. 5    | 11. 7   | 15. 2   | 9.10    | 11. 3   | 13. 4   | 11. 4            |
| Table Celery     | doz.head              | 6. 6    | 9.10    | 9. 9    | 7. 7    | 8. 2    | 7. 4    | 7. 5    | 6.10    | 7. 0    | 6. 6    | 6. 9    | 7. 5    | 9. 2             |
| Beetroot         | cwt.                  | (c)     | (c)     | 33.11   | 35. 5   | 50. 0   | 66. 3   | 23. 6   | 19. 4   | 24. 5   | 21.10   | 22. 8   | 26. 1   | 24. 1            |
| Carrots          | cwt.                  | (c)     | (c)     | 27.11   | 32. 5   | 46. 2   | 64. 7   | 63. 8   | 41. 6   | 36. 0   | 24. 6   | 25. 1   | 28. 6   | 61. 4            |
| Parsnips         | cwt.                  | (c)     | (c)     | 51.11   | 67.10   | 93. 7   | 112. 4  | 127. 3  | 125. 4  | 87. 9   | 64. 2   | 45.11   | 46. 6   | 44.11            |
| Turnips          | $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag | 7. 3    | 9. 6    | 9. 4    | 11. 1   | 15. 3   | 12. 7   | 10. 5   | 12. 2   | 12. 6   | 5.10    | 4. 4    | 5. 0    | 4. 8             |
| Swedes           | cwt.                  | (c)     | (c)     | 43. 7   | 56.10   | 62. 0   | 58. 2   | 60.10   | 57. 1   | 38.10   | 30. 3   | 29. 7   | 27. 4   | 29. 6            |
| Runner Beans     | lb.                   | 1. 0    | 11      | 8       | 1. 1    | 11      | 1. 1    | 5       | 11      | 1. 0    | 1. 3    | 1. 3    | 1. 5    | 1. 6             |
| Peas             | lb.                   | 8       | 9       | 11      | 1. 7    | 1. 9    | 1. 3    | 1. 2    | 1. 3    | 1. 5    | 1. 9    | 1. 0    | 1. 0    | 1. 0             |
| Sweet Potatoes   | lb.                   | 3       | 5       | 5       | 7       | 7       | 5       | 5       | 4       | 5       | 6       | 6       | 7       | 9                |
| Pumpkin          | bag                   | 30.11   | 56. 8   | 65. 9   | 33. 5   | 18. 1   | 16.10   | 15. 8   | 17. 6   | 19. 3   | 19. 2   | 29. 6   | 36. 1   | 43. 1            |
| Tomatoes         | $\frac{3}{4}$ bush.   | 30. 2   | 35. 8   | 23. 3   | 14. 6   | 13. 8   | 15.10   | 14. 9   | 20.10   | 19. 8   | 28. 3   | 35.11   | 28. 3   | 21. 5            |
|                  |                       | £. s.d. | £. s.d. | £. s.d. | £. s.d. | £. s.d. | £. s.d. | £. s.d. | £. s.d. | £. s.d. | £. s.d. | £. s.d. | £. s.d. | £. s.d.          |
| Onions (a)       | ton                   | -       | -       | 40. 0.0 | 40. 0.0 | 40. 0.0 | 40. 0.0 | 40. 0.0 | 50. 0.0 | (d)     | (d)     | (d)     | (d)     | (d)              |
| Potatoes (b)     | ton                   | 36.10.0 | 36.10.0 | 36.10.0 | 36.10.0 | 36.10.0 | 36.10.0 | 37.15.0 | 37.15.0 | 37.15.0 | 37.15.0 | 37.15.0 | 37.15.0 | 37.15.0          |

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

(c) Not available.

(d) Onion Pool closed 11th May.

$\neq$  50 lb. crate.

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AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

| Item          | 1958     |          |          | 1959     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|               | Oct.     | Nov.     | Dec.     | Jan.     | Feb.     | Mar.     | Apr.     | May      | June     | July     | Aug.     | Sept.    | Oct.     |
|               | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. |
| <b>SHEEP</b>  |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Suckers       | 3. 3. 9  | 3. 2. 1  | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 4.10. 5  | 3.12. 7  | 2.14.11  | 2.12. 5  |
| Lambs         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| In Wool       | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 3.13. 7  | 3.17. 1  | 4. 9. 2  | 5. 3. 3  | 4. 6. 9  | -        | -        | -        |
| Shorn         | 3. 2. 4  | 2.18. 0  | 3. 0. 9  | 3. 4. 2  | 3.16. 5  | -        | -        | -        | 4. 9. 6  | 3. 9. 4  | -        | -        | 2. 1.10  |
| Hoggets       |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| In Wool       | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 3. 7. 9  | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| Shorn         | -        | 2. 7. 7  | 2. 9. 1  | 2.11. 3  | 3. 0. 4  | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| Ewes          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| In Wool       | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 1.18. 5  | 2. 3. 6  | 2.14. 2  | 3. 5. 6  | 3. 3. 3  | 3. 6.10  | -        | -        |
| Shorn         | 1. 9. 9  | 1. 8. 2  | 1.12. 1  | 1.13.11  | 1.18. 6  | -        | -        | -        | -        | 1.14.11  | 1.16. 2  | 1. 6. 4  | 1. 3. 4  |
| Wethers       |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| In Wool       | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 2. 7. 4  | 2.14. 1  | 3. 4. 0  | 3.13. 1  | 3.12. 1  | 3.13. 9  | 2.18. 5  | -        |
| Shorn         | 1.16. 3  | 1.16. 8  | 1.19. 3  | 2. 4. 5  | 2. 7. 5  | -        | -        | 2. 3.11  | 2. 9.11  | 2. 7. 8  | 2. 2. 3  | 1.14. 6  | 1.13. 7  |
| <b>CATTLE</b> |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Baby Beef     | 29. 0. 2 | 28.17.10 | 27. 1.10 | 28. 2. 8 | 29. 4. 9 | 31.14. 4 | 33.17. 1 | 39.11. 4 | 37.17.11 | 37. 7.11 | 36. 7. 1 | 31.10. 1 | 29.17. 1 |
| Heifers       | 34. 2. 4 | 34. 0. 4 | 33. 8. 7 | 37. 5.11 | -        | -        | -        | -        | 43.11. 0 | 44.17. 2 | 42.19. 9 | 40. 9. 4 | 35. 8.10 |
| Cows          | 39.16.11 | 39.11. 3 | 39. 4.10 | 40. 3. 3 | 40. 3.11 | 42. 8. 7 | 46.10. 4 | 51. 7. 7 | 50. 3. 0 | 48.14. 0 | 47. 7. 3 | 45. 2.10 | 42. 9. 7 |
| Steers        | 45. 5. 6 | 42.13. 5 | 42.15. 9 | 43. 0. 0 | 44. 1. 0 | 45. 5. 7 | 48. 8. 3 | 55.14. 4 | 51. 2. 1 | 49. 4. 8 | 50. 2. 9 | 45. 4. 1 | 44.15. 6 |
| Bullocks      | 54. 8. 0 | 48.16. 1 | 44.16. 9 | -        | -        | -        | 53.16.11 | 56.15. 1 | 60.11. 2 | -        | 56.15. 2 | 51. 7.10 | 51. 4. 2 |
| <b>PIGS</b>   |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Slips         | 4.16. 4  | 4. 9.10  | 5. 0. 9  | 5.14.11  | 4.18. 5  | 5. 4. 7  | 5.19. 1  | 6. 1. 6  | 6. 8. 4  | 6.18. 5  | 7.15. 1  | 6.15.10  | 5. 8. 2  |
| Porkers       | 9. 3. 7  | 8.18. 0  | 9. 2. 9  | 9. 6. 4  | 9. 1. 3  | 8.17. 5  | 10. 0.11 | 9.13. 6  | 10.17.10 | 10.15. 0 | 11.12. 8 | 12.13. 0 | 12. 7. 6 |
| Baconers      | 14. 6.11 | 14. 5. 2 | 14. 4. 4 | 14. 7. 7 | 14.11.10 | 13.18. 3 | 15. 4.11 | 15. 2. 8 | 15.14. 5 | 16. 0.11 | 17. 9. 4 | 20. 4. 4 | 20. 5. 9 |

# RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE

Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. These comprise public and private companies, partnerships, banks and other finance businesses.

| Period During which New Agreements were made | Motor Vehicles Tractors, etc. (a) |                    |                     | Plant and Machinery (b) |                    |                     | Household and Personal Goods (c) |                    |                     | Total (All Goods) |                    |                     | Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (f) |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|
|  | Agree-ments                       | Value of Goods (d) | Amount Financed (e) | Agree-ments             | Value of Goods (d) | Amount Financed (e) | Agree-ments                      | Value of Goods (d) | Amount Financed (e) | Agree-ments       | Value of Goods (d) | Amount Financed (e) |  |
| YEAR ENDED JUNE:                             | No.                               | £'000              | £'000               | No.                     | £'000              | £'000               | No.                              | £'000              | £'000               | No.               | £'000              | £'000               | £'000  |
| 1955   | 21,679                            | 14,645             | 8,505               | 745                     | 604                | 387                 | 49,831                           | 3,835              | 3,091               | 72,255            | 19,084             | 11,983              | 14,151   |
| 1956   | 21,810                            | 14,644             | 9,133               | 821                     | 531                | 334                 | 57,592                           | 4,484              | 3,674               | 80,223            | 19,659             | 13,141              | 15,388   |
| 1957   | 20,790                            | *13,524            | *8,325              | 1,385                   | 963                | 604                 | 60,417                           | 4,338              | *3,523              | 82,592            | *18,825            | 12,452              | 15,488   |
| 1958   | *26,321                           | *18,176            | *11,263             | 1,829                   | 1,542              | 1,081               | 64,214                           | 4,811              | 3,880               | *92,364           | *24,529            | *16,224             | 19,052   |
| 1959   | 26,998                            | 18,216             | 11,264              | 2,145                   | 1,782              | 1,167               | 52,576                           | 4,212              | 3,383               | 81,719            | 24,210             | 15,814              | 20,779   |
| MONTH:                                       |                                   |                    |                     |                         |                    |                     |                                  |                    |                     |                   |                    |                     |  |
| 1958 - March                                 | 2,277                             | 1,571              | 971                 | 206                     | 181                | 123                 | 4,501                            | 382                | 305                 | 6,984             | 2,134              | 1,399               | 18,155   |
| April  | 2,303                             | 1,757              | 1,059               | 226                     | 204                | 143                 | 4,485                            | 331                | 267                 | 7,014             | 2,292              | 1,469               | 18,534   |
| May  | 2,314                             | 1,645              | 1,028               | 170                     | 129                | 95                  | 4,938                            | 358                | 285                 | 7,422             | 2,132              | 1,408               | 18,859   |
| June   | 2,078                             | 1,409              | 874                 | 102                     | 75                 | 57                  | 4,927                            | 323                | 267                 | 7,107             | 1,807              | 1,198               | 19,052   |
| July   | 2,252                             | 1,472              | 908                 | 112                     | 58                 | 41                  | 4,513                            | 311                | 250                 | 6,877             | 1,841              | 1,199               | 19,160   |
| August                                       | 2,050                             | 1,323              | 815                 | 101                     | 116                | 90                  | 4,294                            | 302                | 246                 | 6,445             | 1,741              | 1,151               | 19,363   |
| September                                    | 2,234                             | 1,523              | 945                 | 146                     | 117                | 77                  | 4,406                            | 346                | 276                 | 6,786             | 1,986              | 1,298               | 19,605   |
| October                                      | 2,602                             | 1,673              | 1,037               | 234                     | 230                | 143                 | 5,035                            | 387                | 321                 | 7,871             | 2,290              | 1,501               | 20,107   |
| November                                     | 2,283                             | 1,645              | 1,024               | 324                     | 367                | 234                 | 4,881                            | 402                | 328                 | 7,488             | 2,414              | 1,586               | 20,708   |
| December                                     | 2,355                             | 1,593              | 992                 | 190                     | 174                | 110                 | 6,086                            | 494                | 402                 | 8,631             | 2,261              | 1,504               | 21,201   |
| 1959 - January                               | 2,343                             | 1,512              | 952                 | 114                     | 62                 | 43                  | 4,572                            | 478                | 359                 | 7,029             | 2,052              | 1,354               | 21,308   |
| February                                     | 2,140                             | 1,441              | 893                 | 139                     | 111                | 71                  | 3,517                            | 324                | 253                 | 5,796             | 1,876              | 1,217               | 20,570   |
| March  | 2,122                             | 1,569              | 956                 | 188                     | 143                | 95                  | 3,637                            | 279                | 227                 | 5,947             | 1,991              | 1,278               | 20,526   |
| April  | 2,262                             | 1,598              | 977                 | 274                     | 204                | 129                 | 3,997                            | 323                | 261                 | 6,533             | 2,125              | 1,367               | 20,699   |
| May  | 2,178                             | 1,455              | 896                 | 192                     | 123                | 82                  | 3,808                            | 270                | 220                 | 6,178             | 1,848              | 1,198               | 20,818   |
| June   | 2,177                             | 1,412              | 869                 | 131                     | 77                 | 52                  | 3,830                            | 296                | 240                 | 6,138             | 1,785              | 1,161               | 20,779   |
| July   |                                   |                    |                     |                         |                    |                     |                                  |                    |                     |                   |                    |                     | (g) 20,887   |
| August                                       |                                   |                    |                     |                         |                    |                     |                                  |                    |                     |                   |                    |                     | (g) 21,122   |
| September                                    |                                   |                    |                     |                         |                    |                     |                                  |                    |                     |                   |                    |                     | (g) 21,386   |

( Particulars not yet available )

(a) Includes new and used motor cars, motor cycles, commercial vehicles, tractors, caravans, motor parts and accessories.

(b) Includes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, aircraft, industrial plant and machinery, business machines and equipment (including commercial refrigeration equipment), etc. (c) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (d) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (e) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Includes hiring charges and insurance.

(g) Preliminary estimate, subject to revision. \* Revised.

**VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS: £ MILLION**

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The figures for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1956-57 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for 1957-58, 1958-59 and quarterly periods are estimates based on sample surveys and are subject to revision for all periods subsequent to 30th June, 1957.

| Period            | Groceries | Butchers' Meat | Other Food (a) | Beer, Wine and Spirits | Clothing and Drapery (b) | Footwear | Hardware, China and Glassware (c) | Electrical Goods (d) | Furniture and Floor Coverings | Newspapers, Books, etc. | Chemists' Goods | Other Goods (e)(f) | Total excl. Motor Vehicles, etc. | Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.(g) |
|-------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>YEAR</b>       |           |                |                |                        |                          |          |                                   |                      |                               |                         |                 |                    |                                  |  |
| 1948-49           | 10.8      | 4.0            | 7.1            | 8.5                    | 14.3                     | (h)      | 3.8                               | 2.4                  | 3.0                           | (i)                     | (i)             | 10.8               | 64.7                             | 13.7                                   |
| 1952-53           | 20.7      | 8.2            | 13.7           | 14.4                   | 24.1                     | (h)      | 9.3                               | 6.1                  | 5.2                           | (i)                     | (i)             | 24.7               | 126.4                            | 37.3                                   |
| 1956-57           | 26.2      | 11.3           | 18.6           | 17.6                   | 24.2                     | 3.9      | 10.1                              | 7.5                  | 6.1                           | 4.4                     | 4.6             | 21.3               | 155.8                            | 49.3                                   |
| 1957-58           | 29.1      | 11.5           | 20.6           | 17.9                   | 29.3                     | (h)      | 12.1                              | 8.1                  | 6.7                           | (i)                     | (i)             | 33.7               | 163.2                            | 56.0                                   |
| 1958-59           | (j)       | (j)            | (j)            | (j)                    | (j)                      | (j)      | (j)                               | (j)                  | (j)                           | (j)                     | (j)             | (j)                | 164.2                            | 54.6                                   |
| <b>March Qtr.</b> |           |                |                |                        |                          |          |                                   |                      |                               |                         |                 |                    |                                  |  |
| 1956              | 6.4       | 2.6            | 4.8            | 4.6                    | 5.8                      | (h)      | 2.3                               | 2.1                  | 1.4                           | (i)                     | (i)             | 7.8                | 37.8                             | 12.7                                   |
| 1957              | 6.3       | 2.7            | 4.7            | 4.9                    | 6.0                      | (h)      | 2.4                               | 1.8                  | 1.5                           | (i)                     | (i)             | 8.1                | 38.4                             | 12.1                                   |
| 1958              | 6.6       | 2.9            | 5.0            | 5.3                    | 6.1                      | (h)      | 2.4                               | 2.0                  | 1.5                           | (i)                     | (i)             | 8.5                | 40.3                             | 14.0                                   |
| 1959              | 7.0       | 2.7            | 5.2            | 5.1                    | 5.1                      | 0.9      | 2.6                               | 2.0                  | 1.4                           | 1.2                     | 1.3             | 5.5                | 40.0                             | 13.6                                   |
| <b>June Qtr.</b>  |           |                |                |                        |                          |          |                                   |                      |                               |                         |                 |                    |                                  |  |
| 1956              | 6.7       | 2.8            | 4.3            | 3.7                    | 7.3                      | (h)      | 2.5                               | 1.5                  | 1.4                           | (i)                     | (i)             | 7.5                | 37.7                             | 11.1                                   |
| 1957              | 6.6       | 2.9            | 4.7            | 4.2                    | 7.3                      | (h)      | 2.6                               | 1.8                  | 1.5                           | (i)                     | (i)             | 7.8                | 39.4                             | 13.2                                   |
| 1958              | 6.8       | 3.0            | 4.9            | 4.6                    | 7.5                      | (h)      | 2.3                               | 1.7                  | 1.6                           | (i)                     | (i)             | 8.1                | 40.5                             | 13.8                                   |
| 1959              | (j)       | (j)            | (j)            | (j)                    | (j)                      | (j)      | (j)                               | (j)                  | (j)                           | (j)                     | (j)             | (j)                | 41.7                             | 14.3                                   |
| <b>Sept. Qtr.</b> |           |                |                |                        |                          |          |                                   |                      |                               |                         |                 |                    |                                  |  |
| 1956              | 6.6       | 2.9            | 4.4            | 3.8                    | 6.6                      | (h)      | 2.4                               | 1.6                  | 1.5                           | (i)                     | (i)             | 6.6                | 36.4                             | 11.5                                   |
| 1957              | 6.6       | 3.0            | 4.6            | 4.2                    | 6.7                      | (h)      | 2.5                               | 1.9                  | 1.6                           | (i)                     | (i)             | 7.0                | 38.1                             | 13.5                                   |
| 1958              | 6.9       | 2.8            | 4.6            | 4.0                    | 6.0                      | 1.0      | 2.5                               | 1.9                  | 1.6                           | 1.1                     | 1.3             | 4.3                | 38.0                             | 12.8                                   |
| <b>Dec. Qtr.</b>  |           |                |                |                        |                          |          |                                   |                      |                               |                         |                 |                    |                                  |  |
| 1956              | 6.7       | 2.8            | 4.8            | 4.7                    | 8.2                      | (h)      | 2.7                               | 2.3                  | 1.6                           | (i)                     | (i)             | 7.8                | 41.6                             | 12.5                                   |
| 1957              | 7.2       | 3.0            | 5.0            | 5.3                    | 8.5                      | (h)      | 2.9                               | 2.6                  | 1.8                           | (i)                     | (i)             | 8.0                | 44.3                             | 14.7                                   |
| 1958              | 7.6       | 2.7            | 5.0            | 5.2                    | 7.2                      | 1.2      | 3.1                               | 2.9                  | 1.7                           | 1.3                     | 1.5             | 5.1                | 44.5                             | 13.9                                   |

(a) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (b) Excludes Footwear in 1956-57 and for quarters from September, 1958. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (d) Includes Radios, Television and Accessories, Musical Instruments, Domestic Refrigerators, etc. (e) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (f) Excludes newspapers, etc., and Chemists' Goods in 1956-57 and for quarters from September, 1958. (g) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (h) Included with Clothing and Drapery. (i) Included with Other Goods. (j) Not yet available.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

| Item  | Unit                | SEPTEMBER |        | Three Months ended<br>SEPTEMBER |         |
|---|---------------------|-----------|--------|---------------------------------|---------|
|   |                     | 1959      | 1958   | 1959                            | 1958    |
| <u>Building Materials, etc.</u>                             |                     |           |        |                                 |         |
| Bath Heaters - solid fuel                                   | number              | 379       | 561    | 1,425                           | 1,600   |
| Bricks - Cement   | '000                | 96        | 99     | 236                             | 532     |
| - Clay  | "                   | 9,080     | 8,799  | 26,224                          | 25,582  |
| Fibrous Plaster Sheets                                      | '000 sq. yd.        | 99        | 119    | 319                             | 344     |
| Lime (Quicklime)  | ton                 | 1,996     | 2,082  | 5,804                           | 6,470   |
| Ready Mixed Paints and<br>Enamels excluding<br>Water Paints | gallon              | 29,631    | 27,997 | 86,691                          | 70,796  |
| Tiles, roofing - Cement                                     | '000                | 397       | 469    | 1,369                           | 1,370   |
| Timber - Sawn (from<br>Local Logs) (a)                      | '000 sup.ft.        | 20,689    | 19,701 | 60,492                          | 56,728  |
| <u>Clothing</u>   |                     |           |        |                                 |         |
| Blazers - Men's and Boys'                                   | number              | 678       | 740    | 2,891                           | 3,096   |
| Pyjamas, Woven - Men's<br>and Boys'                         | dozen               | 875       | 893    | 1,650                           | 2,105   |
| Shirts (all types) Men's<br>and Boys'                       | "                   | 5,836     | 5,780  | 16,106                          | 16,658  |
| Suits - Men's - 3 piece                                     | "                   | 58        | 70     | 196                             | 236     |
| - 2 piece   | "                   | 1,605     | 1,422  | 4,637                           | 4,207   |
| Trousers - Men's - Sport                                    | "                   | 6,464     | 4,896  | 18,048                          | 14,427  |
| - Work  | "                   | 17,727    | 13,289 | 47,723                          | 43,258  |
| <u>Footwear</u>   |                     |           |        |                                 |         |
| Boots, Shoes and Sandals<br>(all types)                     | pair                | 54,261    | 65,375 | 130,915                         | 159,770 |
| Slippers  | "                   | 19,012    | 21,224 | 42,438                          | 59,834  |
| <u>Food and Drink</u>                                       |                     |           |        |                                 |         |
| Aerated Waters  | '000 gallon         | 316       | 224    | 697                             | 481     |
| Cordials and Syrups   | gallon              | 19,510    | 15,124 | 34,921                          | 30,745  |
| Bacon and Ham   | '000 lb.            | 486       | 590    | 1,631                           | 1,467   |
| Butter  | "                   | 2,233     | 1,927  | 5,893                           | 4,972   |
| Cheese  | "                   | 459       | 343    | 1,230                           | 779     |
| <u>Miscellaneous</u>  |                     |           |        |                                 |         |
| Acid - Acetic   | cwt.                | 703       | 440    | 1,897                           | 1,285   |
| - Sulphuric   | ton                 | 18,168    | 15,980 | 53,640                          | 46,664  |
| Coal  | "                   | 81,423    | 77,834 | 247,600                         | 238,077 |
| Electricity Generated                                       | '000 k.W.h.         | 74,681    | 69,896 | 228,756                         | 219,426 |
| Gas Produced  | million<br>cub. ft. | 120       | 128    | 373                             | 401     |
| Mattresses - Inner Spring                                   | number              | 3,011     | 2,786  | 8,484                           | 8,279   |
| - Woven Wire  | "                   | 6,612     | 575    | 8,582                           | 3,727   |
| - Soft Filled   | "                   | 2,795     | 2,487  | 8,748                           | 8,277   |
| Motor Vehicle Bodies -<br>Truck Trays                       | "                   | 57        | 31     | 125                             | 96      |
| Pig Iron  | ton                 | 3,554     | 1,484  | 10,493                          | 5,000   |
| Superphosphate  | "                   | 52,315    | 43,569 | 149,468                         | 127,858 |
| Wool-Scoured  | '000 lb.            | 2,600     | 1,962  | 7,500                           | 5,601   |

(a) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

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